Dear Mr. Mankiewicz, 6/14/92

My apologies for forgetting what may be of interest to you, enclosed.

As I've indicated, I lead what for most is an abnormal life, from a variety of medical problems. One gets me up too early but that turns out to be the best part of my day, when I usually think more clearly and am less tired.

Oliver Stone started a campaign to get JFK assassination records disclosed. I believe you were with him when he appeared before a Senate committee. While there is much very wrong with what he did, as I do not take your time for now, he did generate great interest and pressure. In response, among other things, CIA Director Gates testified and made promises of a new openness. That really began earlier.

But Gates really perpetrated a fraud. In the course of this he reflected his contempt for the committee by giving it as part of his newly-ordered "historical" disclosures what was already public, almost all not even CIA records.

I told you I decline to go to Washington to be on TV. One reporter who wanted to interview me had a set of these records for me to comment on. When she could not get here and back in time she sent me those "new" Gates disclosures.

Meanwhile, almost as though by intent, after delaying for four years sending me what it had referred mostly to the CIA for permission to disclose to me, the FBI, coinciding in time with Gates' testimony, gave me a 16-inch stack of records! While Gates showed his respect for the Senate by going it a mere 110 or 120 pages of regurgitation.

I spoke immediately to the lawyer who handled my FOIA litigation. He said he'd present copies of the statement I had in mind to the appropriate committees. I spoke to him again when I had the draft completed and he repeated that he'd deliver the statement. I've not heard from him since sending him copies for each of the committees that could be interested. So I do not know this early Sunday morning whether or not he has.

I'm sorry it did not occur to me earlier to send you a copy. Here it is, a retyped rough draft because I had no time for more work on it.

In odds and ends or moments of free time or when I did not feel up to writing I read that 16-inch stack. Among the things I found in it is an FBI record confirming some of what I say in this statement about Hunt, the Mullen Agency and the CIA. Hunt was working at Mallen, a CIA asset about which I know a fair amount not public knowldge, as early as 1960 and, according to this FBI information, made some of his and the CIA's Bay of Pigs pre-preparations there. Helms testifed to the Senate Watergate committee falsely, saying that more than a decade later, after Hunt retired, he got him his job at Mullen.

The woman who typed what she said was Hunt's Bay of Pigs budget also typed the accompanying report for him. She told the FBI she had told this to Sam Dash. Dash and his committee made no use of it, particularly not when Helms testified falsely to it.

Harold Weisberg

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg